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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION

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1. TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION WAS PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL
GAZETTE MAY 5; REFERENDUM WILL BE HELD MAY 18. DELAY IN
PUBLICATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY VIENNA
NEGOTIATIONS; PUBLISHER TELLS US HE RECEIVED CORRECTIONS
UP UNTIL LAST MINUTE. COPY WHICH WE HAVE OBTAINED LACKS
EIGHT PAGES.

2. CONSTITUTION IS CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION ON EARLIER
DRAFT AND NOW CONTAINS 139 ARTICLES PLUS SIX "PROVISIONAL"
ARTICLES. IT PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VIRTUALLY
INDEPENDENT STATE WITH COMPLETE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND
JUDICIAL
BRANCHES. MOST OF THE ARTICLES ADDED DURING THE CONSTITUENT
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ASSEMBLY'S DEBATES PERTAIN TO INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF

PRESS, POWERS OF JUDICIARY, ETC. ENGLISH VERSION WILL BE
POUCHED DEPARTMENT, ANKARA WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. PROVISIONAL ARTICLE TWO PROVIDES THAT "UPON THE ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF THE CYPRUS FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S CONSTITUTION,
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS
MAY BE AMENDED". ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE BASIC CONSTITUTION,
HOWEVER, INDICATES THAT ANY AMENDMENT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
CONSTITUTION COULD BE BLOCKED BY ONE-THIRD OF THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

4. CONSTITUTION SPECIFIES ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE
FEDERATED STATE AND FOR THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE HELD "WITHIN
SIX MONTHS".

5. FURTHER COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW WHEN WE HAVE OBTAINED
COMPLETE DOCUMENT.

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